



*There is never a right time or a wrong time...it is all worth the moment in time!*

Hello, I am Kathy Micheel, farm wife and mother of two children. We live on my husband's family homestead; where we continue to build for the future generations.

I graduated from Dakota State University with degrees in Business Management, Computer Information Systems, and Application Programming. After receiving my college degrees; I like so many others looked forward to receiving the paycheck with the standard benefits of healthcare, PTO, and sick leave.

When my application letters came back with the words "you are under qualified due to \_\_\_ and over qualified due to \_\_\_ for the same job in many cases. I quickly realized I had spent more time and money learning from books and not applying and sharing my talents and knowledge while receiving my education.

“ Not everything comes in black and white; you need to learn and apply as you go! - Kathy Micheel

When Matt heard from a neighbor that a family-owned business was looking for an agronomy bookkeeper; he thought this would be the right fit. They were known as a family-employee and customer friendly business and we would be starting our own family soon.

*Farm girl...then and forever more!*

Being a farm girl and a farmer's wife, agronomy has always been the main source of income for her family and for her husband's family when things get difficult you learn to change and adapt.

About 5 years later I found myself employed at an agronomy co-operative doing the same type of work and working longer hours. Then one day, I got home to find out I almost lost my husband to a shop fire.

Time to spend more time with family...not behind a desk for hours! I quickly switched from 40+ hours to a 30-hour employee. Then shortly after in 2010, I had the privilege of handing in my last project and announce that it was not an April Fools Day Joke; I made a career choice to becoming a crop adjuster as a 20-hour employee where I would be traveling out of my home office.



**Shop Fire!**

I chose to cut back in hours and have a loss of income. Even though we both knew we needed the extra income.

A farm is not always profitable. We don't always have the cash flow it needs or what we desire to make the needed upgrades, so we just hope that we can repair and use it another year.



*More time freedom...and loss of income!*

Matt asked what I would do to help make up for the loss of income. That got me thinking...

I had joined Partylite before we were married to purchase the candles for our wedding. We didn't need candles...so that was not an option; since there would be the need for inventory not being used. I had created a website to purchase his wedding band; now that resonated with me. I love to journal and take photographs to help tell the story; so I decided to pursue my passion of helping others grow their businesses and be able to travel with our family. The bonus...I would be able to use my education again!

Another 5 years had past and just like everything else; when cattle and crop prices are low it has a trickle down effect. As a result there was no need to pay for extra advertising. It was then that I was offered the opportunity to work from home as a 40-hour employee; where I would be able to provide customer service to insureds' with their crop acres throughout the United States not just in South Dakota and found Origami Owl.

*Fast forward to now...I continue to encourage others to ask the "hard" questions!*

- Where do I see myself in one year or in the next decade?
- What do I have in the Asset and the Liability columns?
- What do I need today to make it until tomorrow, next week, next month, or in two years?
- Who can I help today and how can I make a difference?



***Embracing...my mistakes in life!***

I have moments that cannot be expressed in photos and/or words that says **who** we are, **what** we just came through or will go through, **when** we last felt happy or sad, **where** we came from, and the **why** we the current path to our current who, what, when, where, and why.



I have been told, "you are not the only person in the world that has imperfections."



So, I will continued to share my life's good and bad experiences that I have come to learn that "they" were meant to happen for myself and others to learn from.

I am constantly learning from others and myself with a little trial and error. My title is not the perfect cook, house and farm wife, or mom!

“ Life is not always fair and I don't always understand the five W's of who, what, when, where, and even the why during every moment in my journey!” - Kathy Micheel

***Embracing my journey and story...to empower others to help them be a force for good!***

No one can tell your story better than you! You choose what to say and how to let others know. Art is one way; one friend was a photographer and now she is painting.



Are you ready to choose to learn a new skill set? I am! No one can take that away from you or I. Choose to read a book for pleasure or for growth; you never know you may have accomplished both in one book. I did! There are podcasts now to help us learn from one another; I listen to podcasts while washing dishes. It is not uncommon for many of us to need to hear an adult voice that has a coaching mindset of positivity. Around our home..."dishes by hand" is my quiet time and time that I can look out and envision our future.

**What does your Dream Board look like?**

Many of us have a bucket list...I find it best to create a visual!

OUR MISSION IS TO BE A *force for good*

TO LOVE INSPIRE AND MOTIVATE PEOPLE OF ALL AGES TO REACH THEIR DREAMS AND EMPOWER THEM TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS.

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**This is our visual dream board.** Maintain and upgrade our family farm for future generations. Our children are currently the fifth generation to live on our homestead.



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*Today is not just my day... it is our day!*

When you have a giving mindset everything seems to flow in a more positive direction.

Every day we have a chance to make it better. We all have a choice every second of the day to stay in the same routine or disrupt it to “spark a light” in someone else’s life.

My friend’s mother said to me one day, “You know, we really don’t know what someone is going through or how they are feeling unless we take the time to ask. They may look healthy, act happy, show a positive side, but they are not.”

We all experience a weight or burden. Some of us carry our “weights” well and only let a few of our closest experience the heavy loads with us. I do not know where you have been; nor do you of me.



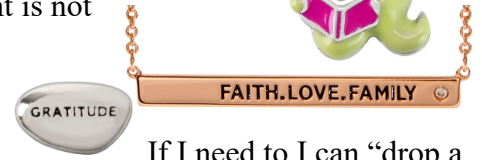
I have only worn this locket once before; and that was the day I created it. I look at it daily as I get ready for the day. Throughout the day I hold it in my mind’s eye and remember...what was, love what could be, and know that I have a lot of time until pigs fly to make a difference.

In the photo above you see me and what one may interpret or believe the charms mean. Well, truth be told; when I created this personalized locket I pondered what to put in it. I could have followed what my friends and other Origami Owl designers were doing or I could be different!



“Resilient and Disruptive” are my go to words along with “Vision, Focus, and Purpose”! I am sure I will have more words to add as the each day passes.

Only I can choose to control my actions and accomplishments. If I don’t get everything done in the first day; then the next day I get up a little bit earlier. Time management is not everyone’s strong suit; there are many days I fail at this too.



*I choose to...enjoy the journey!*

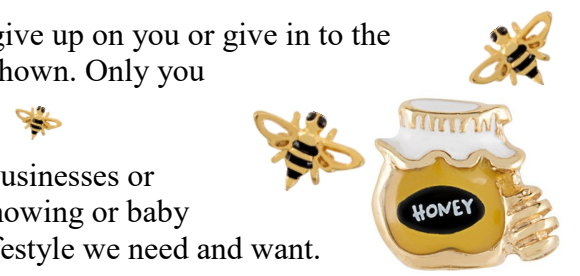
I remind myself to be grateful and remember I needed that stepping stone! I create a new or another ripple effect every day. Everyday I “must do something” to achieve even the slightest impact toward my desired outcome; may it be positive or negative.

If I need to I can “drop a rock”



When my family and friends are hurting...I listen and offer opportunities with some type of solution or it may be something as personal as a care basket, letter, phone call, flowers; even a bouquet of dandelions and lilacs are refreshing.

Prayer chains do work...have faith and never give up on you or give in to the negativity that seems to be more spoken and shown. Only you can choose when to “Be Bold and Be Brave”!



It is not uncommon to start brick and mortar businesses or online businesses at any age, and even lawn mowing or baby sitting at a young age to be able to have the lifestyle we need and want.

*When did I see the whole picture...never, it is still being written!*

Years down the road I still continue to look back and realize I



needed that moment, to hear and say those words, and to feel the way I did. Even today; no and Congratulations!

I, like everyone else, will only be able to tell and share the last moments out loud and publically to those that are with me when I am making a difference. So make each moment count.



The spring of 2020 was not what anyone would have imagined it would be. I found myself the teacher and the student. 6th grade science and 9th grade independence will be forever in my mind.

I cherished my school days at those ages. Summer distancing is what I normally experienced growing up on the farm. If we didn't need to go to town we didn't. This year, summer distancing from school classmates started early for our kids except they had homework on top of their regular chores. Our food bill went up earlier than planned and more meals were made during the day. I am not complaining...just acknowledging that we all social distance from time to time and create a new routine. Every day I have a chance to create a "new normal"; I only hope that it is a positive one.

*Take time...to enjoy moments with or without the popcorn!*

We may not know why we say, hear, and feel something at the moment.

Quite often I remind myself that if I don't like the routine...then I need to change it.



I will admit...I am a collector and scrapbooker of memories and try to give each picture a 1000 + words! My heart is full; it's time to "count our blessings" like our grandma says.

Together we all make a difference; positive empowerment is for all ages.

"More positive cases"...let's get these words to mean



something different; let's work together to create a "new, much needed and desired normal".



Our Owlette® and BROs Program empowers youth (ages 11-17) to work alongside an adult, providing them with real-life experience as young entrepreneurs. Your Owlette (or BRO!) will develop skills, grow confidence, and celebrate progress with you as their mentor.

"Instead of worrying about what you cannot control, shift your energy to what you can create."

- Roy T. Bennett



If some or all of my words and thoughts resonate with you; please contact me at [KathyMicheel.com](http://KathyMicheel.com) or at 605-354-4829.

“ Take time to plant a seed and have faith over fear that it will grow with time.” - Kathy Micheel



*OUR core values*

1 OPERATE BY THE GOLDEN RULE	2 CULTIVATE FAMILY SPIRIT + TEAM UNITY
3 NURTURE, RESPECT + BE HONEST IN ALL RELATIONSHIPS	4 FOSTER A PAY-IT-FORWARD MINDSET
5 LOVE WHAT YOU DO	6 EMBRACE CREATIVE INNOVATION FOR POSITIVE CHANGE
7 PURSUE LEARNING + GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES	8 SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER'S PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
9 UPLIFT OTHERS WITH WISE WORDS + THOUGHTFUL ACTIONS	10 SHINE HUMBLLY WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

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